



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for the Natural Resources Committee to Give Preference to Tribal Housing for Tribally owned, Fee-simple Lots."

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes' Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** There exists within the several segments of the Fort Berthold Reservation an unmet need for adequate individual family housing including single family units and multifamily dwellings; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to develop housing to fill the needs of the enrolled members of the Three Tribes, the Tribal Business Council created the Tribal Housing Division; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Housing Division administers several programs in order to fulfill its mandate. The Dreamcatcher Program is one of the programs administered by the Housing Division. The Tribal Housing Division administers an Elder Housing Program, Military Housing Program and the Housing Improvement Program. The Housing Division also participates in the Fort Berthold Housing Authority five-year plan. The Housing Division has provided for the finance and purchase of manufactured homes and mobile homes and in assisting members in refinancing their existing home mortgages. The Housing Division completes its mandate with several educated, experienced and qualified staff members all who are knowledgeable of the housing needs of the people they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Housing Division, because of limited availability of city and town lots, has been forced into a competitive market for the use of city and town lots owned by the Three Affiliated Tribes; and taking into consideration the number of housing programs administered by the Housing Division of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the number of people it serves and the competent staff employed by the



Housing Division, it serves the best interest of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes to allow the Housing Division priority access to the use of the lots owned by the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The designation of the use of such tribally owned lots is the responsibility of the Natural Resources Committee. Being aware that the Natural Resource Committee strives to meet the needs of all members of the Three Affiliated Tribes in designation of the lots, and considering the mandate of the Housing Division to provide housing for all members of the Three Affiliated Tribes by and through its many and varied programs, it serves the best interest of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes to grant priority of designation of use of tribally owned lots to the Tribes' Housing Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natural Resources Committee whose capable hand guides the designation of use of land held in trust and fee simple estate by the Three Affiliated Tribes shall hereafter place the applications of members by and through the Housing Division as a first priority in use of the lots owned in fee simple estate by the Three Affiliated Tribes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Natural Resources Committee shall not allocate further land use without first priority given to Tribal Housing Division.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 11 day of November, 2004, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 11 day of November, 2004.

Executive Secretary,
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council